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Brit Emb informs us that FONOFF has now (rpt now) decided that, notwithstanding many reasons in favor retaining police mission in Greece, paramount need for economy at home, as well as in Greece, requires that it be wound up. Brit Emb has therefore, in replying to Grk note of Oct 9, stated that arrangements are being made for police mission to be withdrawn by Jan 11.

We regret that this mission is being withdrawn just at time when application of clemency measures by new and perhaps over-generous govt make it of special importance that behavior police and gendarmerie be closely observed. We urged Brit Emb to ask London to reconsider but Emb felt it had already put case as strongly as was justified and that treasury position could not (rpt not) be shaken.

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